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SUBJECT: GOWON'S RETURN TO TOGO

REF: A. LOME 1992 B. LOME 1711

1. NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR ABUBAKAR GARBA GOBIR TOLD ME PRIVATELY SEPTEMBER 6 THAT GENERAL GOWON AND FAMILY WOULD RETURN TO TOGO. HE DID NOT SAY WHEN. WHILE GOT HAS NOT RPT NOT MADE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING GOWON'S PLANS, RUMOR NOW WIDESPREAD (AND ALSO REPORTED BY GHANAIAI PRESS) THAT GOWONS WILL RETURN HERE TO LIVE (REFTEL B). EYADEMA' OFFER TO PROVIDE INDEFINITE HOME FOR GENERAL GOWON PROBABLY RECEIVED PRESENT NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT'S BLESSING DURING VISIT OF NIGERIAN FONMIN HERE OVER PAST WEEKEND (REF A).

2. AMBASSADOR GOBIR, WHO IS ARDENT SUPPORTER OF LOCAL AMERICAN SCHOOL (HE HAS ONE SON IN SCHOOL AND NEW FIRST SECRETARY WILL HAVE THREE CHILDREN THERE THIS YEAR) TOLD ME WITH SOME DELIGHT THAT HE HAD STRONGLY RECOMMENDED OUR SCHOOL TO GENERAL GOWON FOR LATTER'S OWN CHILDREN. EXCLAMATION MARK.
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